Central assistance of Rs. 249.36 crore for Kerala under 'Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas'.

(b) Government of Kerala has reported that it had received an amount of Rs. 39,89,80,809/- as donations form general public firms and other organizations to Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund.

(c)TheADB has sanctioned an amount of US $ 56.25 million for Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Programmes of the State.

(d) and (e) The Government of Kerala has reported that it has not diverted funds to any other purposes from the Tsunami Relief Funds and has adhered to the guidelines issued for the expenditure.

Crimes in Bihar

1043. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of kidnappings, murders and dacoities that took place during the current spell of President's Rule in Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that such crimes have increased; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT): (a) to (c) The current period of President's Rule in Bihar commenced in March 2005. As per information compiled by NCRB, 633 cases of kidnapping, 891 cases of murder and 325 cases of dacoity were reported during the period from March, 2005 to May, 2005. As compared to the figures of kidnapping (536), murder (1056) and dacoity (297) for the corresponding period of 2004, incidents of kidnapping and dacoity have increased, whereas, incidents of murder have declined. A mixed trend is, therefore, discernible and consequently it may be inappropriate to attribute any specific reason as contributing to the observed trends.

With a view to curb the crime of kidnapping for ransom, an action plan was prepared by the State Government for the prevention, documentation, investigation and trial aspect of such crimes. Surveillance over gangsters

and intensive patrolling in the affected areas have been introduced, and the Special Task Force (STF) constituted by State Police is also being utilized for dealing with organised crimes and kidnapping gangs.

Resettlement of tribals of Nicobar

1044. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in the resettlement of the tribals of Nicobar and other areas hit by the Tsunami wave of December 26,2004; indicating the number of families still to be resettled before the onset of Monsoons this year; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) All the tribal families of Nicobar and other areas, affected by Tsunami, have been provided with intermediate shelters well before the onset of monsoon during this year. In addition, they have been provided with various house hold items including, *inter-alia,* LPG stoves/cylinders, clothes, utensils, sewing machines, bicycles etc. They have also been given financial assistance for household articles and *ex-gratia* payments for tribal orphans, widows and families of identified dead/missing tribals feared dead. Employment opportunities in various activities like agriculture, fishery have been made available.

(b) An expenditure of Rs. 58.94 crore has been incurred towards ex-*gratia* payment to the affected persons including tribals of Nicobar.

Data Base on the Tsunami hit areas

1045. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: -

(a) whether it is a fact that data base on the Tsunami hit areas in the country is not available with the concerned authorities with regard to the scale and damage caused to life and property, reach of medical and rehabilitation assistance, etc., in the affected areas, particularly in inaccessible areas;